conducted special raids in October, 1992 on the occasion of Diwali. Emphasis was on lifting the samples of sweets which are normally consumed more by the public at the time of Diwali and as such only the samples of raw materials ready for sale by vendors/Halwais were lifted to check their quality.

Marketing of Ginseng (A herb) without Monitoring in India

2404 SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of Ginseng (a harb) are marketed in India freely without any monitoring;

(b) if so, on what grounds its sale was permitted; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Ginseng is not mentioned in any of the Ayurvedic texts, if so, how the companies were given permission to manufacture and market it without proper clinical trials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The Formulations of 'Ginseng' are marketed by various manufacturers in India under a licence granted by the drug Licensing authorities appointed by State Governments.

(c) Though 'Ginseng' is not mentioned in any of the Ayurvedic texts, Drug Controller of India had approved import of 'Ginseng' raw material & formulations containing Ginseng based on expert opinion that 'Tapmari' an indigenious drug known as pseudo Ginseng is in short supply.

Construction of CGHS building At Laxmi Nagar, Delhi

2405. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that land has been taken possession for a C.G.H.S. building to be constructed at Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92 and the amount has been sanctioned for construction of the building;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether plan for the building has been approved by MCD;

(d) if not, the steps being taken to ensure the speedy approval of plans by the MCD; and

(e) whether Government are aware that delay in getting the plan approved would result in the escalation of cost of construction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The possession of plot of land was taken on 10-1-1992 and necessary administrative approval and expenditure sanction for the construction of CGHS dispensary building amounting to Rs. 82,96,700/- was issued on 14-1-1991.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The MCD has raised some fresh objection. It was desired that a NOC may be furnished from Chief Fire Officer, Delhi Fire Service, Delhi. The plans have already been sent to him on 19-11-1992 for obtaining NOC.

(e) Yes, Sir.

विदेशों में इलाज कराने पर आंशिक पाबंदी

2406. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार विदेशों में इलाज कराने पर आंशिक रूप से पाबंदी लगाने के संबंध में विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि देश में वरिष्ठ डाक्टरों और चिकित्सा प्रणालियों के उपलब्ध होने के बावजूद अतिविशिष्ट

व्यक्ति सरकारी खर्चे पर अक्सर विदेशों में अपना इलाज कराते हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सरकारी खर्चों पर उन बीमारियों का इलाज कराने के लिए विदेश गये व्यक्तियों का ब्यौरा क्या है ? जिनका इलाज देश में ही किया जा सकता था; और उन पर किये गये खर्चे का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Testing of blood for various diseases in A.I.I.M.S. and P.G.I. Chandigarh

2407. SHRI RAMJI LAL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that it is difficult for common man to get blood tested for various critical diseases in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi and P.G.I., Chandigarh as the machines are not available in these big institutes;

(b) if so, how many types of blood investigating machines are required;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to import these machines to save lives of common men; and

(d) if so, the time by when the machines will be installed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The patients who receive treatment at AIIMS, New Delhi and P.G.I., Chandigarh are able to avail of facilities for all kinds of blood testing including specialised tests. These facilities are continuously being strengthened to cope with the growing load of patients and advances in technology.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

Medicine for Treatment of Jaundice

2408. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI :
SHRI MD. SALIM :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a chemist developed a medicine which will cure patients of jaundice; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The Indian Council of Medical Research has informed that they are not aware of any chemist having developed a medicine which will cure patients of jaundice.

(b) Does not arise.

Commission from the Drug Suppliers

2409. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some officials working in the Medical store depot of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and those working in the Health Ministry are accepting Commissions from the drug suppliers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the suppliers are supplying sub-standard medicines due to the payment of commission by them;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No such case has come to the notice of Government of India.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.